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PROGRESS REPORT OF THE MARKETING DEPARTMENT FOR DECEMBER 1951.

I. ADMINISTRATION OF SPECIAL ACTS.

(a) *Administration of Weights and Measures Act.*—During the month under report, 3,335 units of weights and measures were presented for testing as against 4,027 units in the previous month and 5,261 units in the corresponding month of the previous year and that 3,239 units of weights and measures were certified for their correctness as against 3,842 units in the previous month and 5,090 units in the corresponding month of the previous year. A sum of Rs. 436-6-0 was realised as testing fee as against Rs. 586-6-0 in the previous month and Rs. 309-5-9 in the corresponding month of the previous year.

A total number of 436 units of weights and measures of different denominations aggregating to the value of Rs. 518-3-6 were sold by the Inspectors of Weights and Measures during the month under report as against 528 units of weights and measures valued at Rs. 1,239-14-3 in the previous month and 625 units of weights and measures valued at Rs. 1,050-4-3 in the corresponding month of the previous year.

In addition to 21 old cases that were pending, 15 new cases (3 in Chintamani, 7 in Tumkur, one in Mysore and 4 in Chikmagalur) were launched. Out of the total number of 36 cases, 14 cases (2 in Mandya, 3 in Chintamani, 2 in Tumkur, 1 in Mysore and 6 in Chikmagalur) ended in conviction. A sum of Rs. 99 was realised as fines as against Rs. 123 in the previous month and Rs. 50 in the corresponding month of the previous year, The remaining 22 cases (one in Bangalore City, 3 in Mandya, one in Chintamani, 7 in Tumkur, 1 in Mysore, 6 in Chikmagalur and 3 in Hassan) are pending.

The total number of weights and measures presented for testing was highest in Bangalore City with 1,285 units and Mysore came next with 449 units.

(b) *The Mysore Agricultural Produce Market Act.*—(1) *Regulated Market at Mysore.*—During the month under report, 1,06,562 cocoanuts, 42,948 pallas of groundnuts, 9,224 maunds of jaggery, 4,839 pallas of horsegram, 3,637 maunds of chillies, 1 009 pallas of cowpea, 567 maunds of soapnut, 1,308 manuds of tamarind, 607 pallas of greengram, 475 pallas of niger, 290 pallas of castor seed, 56 pallas of til seeds and 4 pallas of urd were auctioned in the Market. A sum of Rs. 2,688-1-9 was collected by the Market Committee as Market cess, License fee, etc.

(2) *Regulated Market at Davangere.*—During the month under report, 1,96,949 pallas of groundnut pods, 13,746 maunds of cotton kappas, 22,431 maunds of groundnut seeds, 15,155 maunds of chillies, 3,375 maunds of cotton lint, 377 pallas of togare, 375 pallas of togare dhall, 757 pallas of sesamum, 155 pallas of blackgram, 76 pallas of horsegram, 45 pallas of castor seed, 98 pallas of coriander, 28 pallas of niger, 45 pallas of avare, 6 pallas of greengram, 18 pallas of cowpea, and 411 pallas of bengalgram were sold in the Market. A sum of Rs. 3,486-11-8 was collected by the Market Committee as Market cess, License fee, etc.

(3) *Regulated Market at Chitaldrug.*—During the month under report, 5,725 maunds of small cotton, 4,505 bags of groundnuts, 2,653 maunds of big cotton, 930 pallas of gingelly seed, 374 pallas of togari 57 pallas of cowpea, 52 pallas of horsegram, 46 pallas of castor seed, 18 pallas of sesamum, 28 pallas of coriander, and 33 pallas of blackgram were auctioned in the Market. A sum of Rs. 590-13-8 was collected by the Market Committee as Market cess, License fee, etc.

(4) *Regulated Market at Tiptur.*—During the month under report, 7,428 bags of copra, 665 carts or 4,94,089 cocoanuts and 94 carts or 1,05,500 lbs. of seegu were auctioned in the Market. A sum of Rupees 490-4-0 was collected by the Market Committee as Market cess, License fee, etc.

(c) *The Mysore Agricultural Produce Grading and Marking Act.*—The five Egg Grading Stations continued to work during the month.

The number of eggs graded and their value is as follows :—

Sl. No.	Name of Grading Station	No. of Eggs Graded.	Value	Total Grading Fees collected.
			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1.	Coorg Orange Growers' Co-operative Society, Bangalore.	6,362	882 0 0	...
2.	Government Egg Grading Station, Mysore.	40,04	3,930 10 0	75 3 0
3.	Government Poultry Farm, Hessarghatta.	2,502	350 0 0	...
4.	Free Egg Grading Station, Russel Market, Civil Station, Bangalore.	23,135	3,157 4 0	...
5.	The Provincial Dairy and Farm Products Co operative Society, Bangalore.	1,450	186 14 0	...
	Total ...	73,497	8,506 12 0	75 3 0

II. COLLECTION AND COMPILATION OF AGRICULTURAL AND LIVE-STOCK STATISTICS.

Information regarding the availability of fruits, vegetables and other articles of food in Bangalore Market during the month of October 1951, was collected and furnished to the military authorities and other military contractors.

A monthly report of weekly market rates of copra, cocoanuts and cocoanut oils as at Tiptur and Arsikere was sent to the Secretary, Indian Central Cocoanut Committee, Ernakulam, for publishing the same in their monthly bulletin.

III. CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING.

The milk handled during the month by some of the Milk Co-operative Societies is as follows :—

1.	The Mysore Co-operative Milk Supply Union Ltd., Bangalore.	25,000 lbs.
2.	The Milk Supply Society, Mysore ...	1,800 srs.
3.	The Milk Supply Society, Chikmagalur...	450 ,,
4.	The Milk Supply Society, Chitaldrug ...	440 ,,

IV. MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

The arrangements made for the collection of daily and weekly market rates of certain agricultural commodities and live-stock and live-stock products from Bangalore and mofussil markets and broadcasting the same through the All-India Radio, Mysore, was continued. Arrangements were also made to publish dialy market rates in some of the local newspapers as "Deccan Herald" "Janavani" and "Viswakarnataka" for the information of the public. The weekly market rates of the arecanuts received from Madras were furnished to the Areca Marketing Co-operative Societies at Shimoga, Sringeri and Arkalgud and those of cocoanut products received from Delhi and Kanpur to the Secretaries of the Arsikere Cocoanut and Copra Marketing Co-operative Society and Regulated Market Committee, Tiptur. The auction rates of coffee as prevailing at Chikmagalur were furnished to the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India, New Delhi. The weekly market rates of different varieties of the arecanut as prevailing at Bangalore were furnished to the State Marketing Officer, Madras.

V. MISCELLANEOUS.

Sri Pardumansingh, B.Sc., Assistant Marketing Officer, Delhi, visited the State during the month under report for collecting information on chillies for the All-India Report on the marketing of chillies. Necessary assistance was given to him in collecting the required information.

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The Mysore Lotteries and Prize Competitions Control and Tax Act, 1951, and the rules thereunder will come into force throughout the State from 1st February 1952. No Lotteries and Prize Competitions should be conducted from that date without obtaining a license.

Persons desirous of taking out licenses have to apply in the prescribed form to the Secretary to Government, Local Self-Government Department, Old Public Offices, Bangalore. Rules have been published in the *Mysore Gazette*, Extraordinary dated 28th January 1952. Those who apply for licenses have to credit the fees prescribed in rule 5, to a Government Treasury.